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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1976

PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



There will be a meeting for all Lowell High School girls interested in trying out for the basketball teams, varsity and junior varsity, on Friday, August 13, at 3 p.m. in the high school.

Try-outs for the 1976-77 season will begin on August 16. All those interested are urged to be at the meeting on August 13.

The girls' basketball team is sponsoring a car wash at Eberhard's August 21, to raise funds to pay for the cost of basketball camp.

Arlin F. Dougherty of Wyoming, Michigan, was the winner of the hind quarter of beef given away Sunday, August 1, at the annual Lowell Moose Lodge picnic at Fallasburg Park.

It will be back to school for all students in the Lowell Area School District on Tuesday, September 7.

Any parents with children not registered should call their respective school they will be attending or call the Central Office at 897-8415.

From now until August 26, the second session of the Kent Community Action Program (East Kent Community Center's) Summer Parks program for area kids will be held at the Boy Scout Cabin on North Washington Street, Lowell.

The program is held from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information can be secured by calling 897-8441 or 897-8485.

Dates to Remember: The Kent County Health Department's Mobile Health Unit will be at the American Legion Hall, East Main, Lowell on Wednesday, August 11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Lowell Planning Commission meeting on August 30 to consider amendments to the City's Liquor-By-The-Glass Ordinance, in Lowell City Hall.

The Gratian Township Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. to hear two requests for variances. (See official notices elsewhere in this edition.)

The Charter Box "CB" Club of Lowell meets every Saturday at Paul's Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street. Besides being active with inner-club affairs, the group has made a donation to the E-Unit and has been responsible for the saving of a baby's life.

The club is headed by the Happy Hollander as president; Big Red, vice-president; Key Heights, treasurer; and Motor Mouth, secretary.

All CBer's interested in joining the club are invited to join them any Saturday between 2 and 5 p.m.

The merchants of the City of Lowell are conducting their annual Sidewalk Sale Days this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For bargains galore, visit the downtown stores.

Arrested by Lowell Police officers Tuesday, July 27 for parole violation and attempted larceny at Eberhards was Bradley Sleighter.

Uninjured in an accident at Main and Hudson Streets, Saturday was Mary Smyth and Early Vaughn. The rear-end collision happened at 6:35 p.m.

Involved in an injury accident on Monday, July 26 was Debbie Spalding when a bicycle ridden by a juvenile ran the stop sign at Foreman and Beech Streets and collided with the Spalding vehicle.

Reward For Flower Vandals

A \$25 reward has been offered by Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson of 517 Avery Street, Lowell, for information leading to the arrest of the person and/or persons responsible for the destruction to their flower beds.

On three previous occasions, the petunia beds at the Erickson home were destroyed, but the culprits were apprehended.

Late again Monday evening or very early Tuesday morning, August 2 or 3, someone drove through the Erickson's flowers either riding the curbside with one tire track or a motor bike.

Damage was also reported to the lawn at the Melvin Boerma home on the corner of North Jackson and Avery Streets.

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, 203 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7566.

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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL—AT Rosie Drive Inn, 800 W. Main, Lowell. Hippy Burgers, 75c. Pitcher of Pop, \$1.00. Tuesday night, Burger Night; Wednesday Night, Chicken Night; Saturday Night, Sizzler Night. c38

City Not Interested In Joint Bldg. With School

At the Lowell City Council meeting Monday, August 2, the council was approached by Don Kelly, Assistant Superintendent of the Lowell Area School System.

Kelly asked the council if there was any interest among them in regards to a joint administration building for the school system and the city.

Kelly explained that the school has \$250,000 in its building fund, left from the last bond issue and that if it is not earmarked in the next thirty days it will be used to purchase bonds at a penalty.

The council showed no real interest, and Councilman Harold Jefferies stated that the same idea had been discussed a year ago, and that no real interest had been shown then.

The council seemed to agree that such a building would create more problems than savings when it came to who was going to pay what portion of

heat, insurance, maintenance, etc.

City Manager Ray Quada informed the council that a problem has arisen in securing an easement for a water transmission main involved with the new water treatment plant.

Quada asked the council that he be allowed to secure plans and permits to re-route the main. Quada's rough estimate of additional cost was \$5,000 to \$5,500 but said he would not know for sure until the plans are secured.

Quada said that all efforts had been made to acquire the easement. The council approved the request.

The Lowell D.P.W. had made a request to the City manager for 3/8" high test tow chain. After looking into the cost Quada found that the bulk purchase of 400' would result in a one dollar per foot savings over the requested 150'.

Since the purchase of 400'

amounted to more than he is authorized to spend without council approval the matter was brought up.

After some discussion, the council approved the purchase of 400'. Councilman Dean Collins stated that the chain better be kept accounted for.

Under new business, several items were brought up, which included work on a new lease contract for the airport; re-appraising the city's assessments; care of the cemetery; the visit of an art train to Lowell, and the stop signs at High and Monroe Streets.

These topics of discussion will probably be brought up in further detail at future meetings.

Lowell School Board Meets On August 9

The next meeting of the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education will be Monday evening, August 9, in the KIVA room at the Bushnell Elementary School. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Five items for discussion have been placed on the agenda, which include: Budget cuts, report on hot lunch ('75-'76), reading report for 1975-76, property transfer, and ratification of contract with the Lowell Education Association.

The Board of Education meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Bushnell KIVA room at 700 Elizabeth Street, and are open to the public, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The October 25, 1976 meeting and the March 28, 1977 meeting are scheduled to be held in the Alto Elementary KIVA room on Bancroft Avenue in Alto.

All meetings of the Lowell Board of Education are open to the public.

Athletes To Take Physicals

All athletes at Lowell Senior High School (both boys and girls) must have a physical examination before participating in the 1976-77 schedule of events.

According to Athletic Director Bob Perry, physical examinations for the boys will be given Tuesday, August 10, at 7 p.m. in the girl's locker room at the high school.

Exams for the girls will be given on Tuesday, August 17, at 7 p.m., in the girl's locker rooms.

Athletes who will be playing on freshman teams, must obtain their physicals from their family doctors.

Physical cards are available at the Senior High School office, 750 Foreman Street. They must be signed by the parents before the examination will be given.

In 42nd Year . . .

4-H Youth Fair To Open Here Monday

Whether it's pitching sawdust, preparing a rabbit, beef cow, or pig, or baking pies, it's all an important part of getting ready for the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair in Lowell, August 9-14.

Yes, it's 4-H Youth Fair time! Six big days of activities, exhibits and fun for everyone is in store as the 42nd annual Kent County 4-H Youth Fair begins here in Lowell on Monday, August 9, to run through Saturday, August 14.

Over 3,000 4-H members, youths between the ages of nine and 19, will climax a year's club work with the project and animals they will enter.

Most projects are due on Monday, with foods, clothing, conservation, crafts, photography, vegetable gardening and home design to be judged as they are brought in. Judging of horse and pony projects begins at 12:30 p.m. on Monday. Additional horse contests and showmanship classes will be held each day throughout the week.

A full day's schedule of demonstrations is planned for Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday's judging schedules include beef, dairy, swine, poultry, rabbits, dairy goats, sheep and dogs.

The annual livestock auction sale of club member's project animals will be held on Wednesday evening, August 11, at 7:30 p.m. in front of the grandstands (adjacent to Bowes Road).

The whole family can enjoy an ice cream social on Wednesday between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m., sponsored by the Kent

County 4-H Leader's Association.

A special tribute to the Bicentennial is planned with two days of activities and demonstrations in a special tent. "Heritage Day" will feature old time farm tools, old fashioned laundry equipment and demonstrations on powder horns, delimers, chair caning and quilting.

Fair visitors will have the opportunity of quilting on the Kent 4-H Bicentennial quilt which will be raffled off on Friday afternoon.

Thursday evening will feature the annual livestock parade of the 4-H members and their project animals followed by a variety show in front of the grandstands. The 4-H Fair Queen will be crowned and her court will be presented at this time.

Saturday is Kid's Day at the fair with two bicycles to be awarded. Projects will not be released until 10 a.m. on Saturday.

All are cordially invited to come to the fair, visit the exhibitions, enjoy the big rides, the kiddie's rides, and the carnival concessions on the midway.

The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair is a free fair with no admission or parking charges.

The fair is planned and administered by a board of directors including E. L. Phelps, Cedar Springs; Richard Crissman, Ken Fitzsimmons and V. C. Fairbrother, Caledonia.

Mrs. Auburn Olin, Mrs. Gordon Wilcox and Paul Detmers, Lowell; Marvin Bunn and John

Brower, Rockford; J. J. Purdy, Sparta; Tom Briggs, Grand Rapids; and Mrs. William Van-Heyningen, Alto.

Topp, Pohl Tops In Best Ball

Sixty-nine teams were entered in the Best Ball Tournament held last Thursday at the Deer Run Golf Club. It was under the sponsorship of the Lowell Showboat.

The eighteen-hole two-man tourney was won by John Topp and Dan Pohl with a score of 63. They each received a trophy plus \$300 in merchandised prizes.

The other top four team finishers and their prizes were: Dave Potter and Tom Stauffer, 66, \$200 and trophies; John Bossinski and Steve Bossinski, 69, \$100; D. VanderVeen and B. Pewruch, 70, \$50.

In a tie for fifth placed were J. Visser and J. Melcher and J. Law and M. Brooks with a score of 71. Law and Brooks lost on the first hole of playoff, by a birdie. Visser and Melcher took the \$50 prize.

Every tenth finisher thereafter was awarded \$30. They were: Saberi and Kungbiel, 74; Mechany and Toywell, 77; McMahon and Schwacha, 80; DeMora and Schmid, 85; Wilson and Wilson, 85 and West & Hanson.

Dick Intrain, chairman of this year's tourney, said all indications are leading to a bigger and better tournament next summer. Over 100 teams are expected to enter, making it one of the largest best ball tournaments in West Michigan.

V.F.W. Night Is A Success



Pictured from L to R, Post Commander Olen Miller, 8th District Sr. Vice Commander Don McLeod, Kent County Council Commander Larry Foster, Department Commander Cecil Magoon, Old Kent Post 8300 Commander Jack Russell, Past 8th District Commander Al Martin, Jr.

Wednesday night Flat River Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303, hosted the Department of Michigan State Commander Cecil Magoon of Traverse City and Clarence Shomacher, Department Quartermaster Adjutant, Rockford as well as VFW members throughout the state.

Ladies Auxiliary of 8303 provided a delicious smorgasbord Wednesday evening for Showboat Corporation representatives and VFW members.

Commander Olen Miller said "we had a wonderful turnout, everything went well until it started to rain. But the rain didn't stop us from socializing."

Sunday evening everyone returned to see the Showboat and have a good time.

Monday night VFW Post 8303 hosted 50 patients from the Michigan Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids, 13 children from the Veterans of Foreign Wars

National Home at Eaton Rapids and approximately 82 kids from the YMCA Baseball Leagues in Lowell.

Thursday, Cooties from Pup Tent 76 and Pup Tent 14 sponsored a steak dinner which was a great success.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Post 8303, Lowell, were busy last week in preparation for a week full of activity. Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and all the VFW members who helped make this last week a success.

Flush Mains

The Department of Water Works of the City of Lowell will be flushing the city's water mains Tuesday through Friday, August 10-13.

Flushing of the mains will begin at 8 a.m. each day, weather permitting, and all residential and business persons are urged to watch for rusty water.

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Obituaries

ARTHUR WHITE, JR.
Arthur White, Jr., aged 55, of St. Louis, Michigan, son of the late Arthur and Anna White passed away Sunday, August 1. He leaves his wife, Genevieve; four sons, Eugene, Lon-

FLOYD ATCHINSON
Floyd A. Atchinson, aged 61, of 4034 Cherry Lane, Ada, passed away Friday morning, July 30, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Atchinson reposed at the

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SHOWBOAT WHISTLE TOOTS

All of the Showboat Welcome signs were through the courtesy of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Lowell Lions Club did a fine job Talent Night, donating their services and take to the Showboat Corporation.

The crew that manned the ticket booth wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lucchesi, from Lucchesi's Pizza House, for the great pizza and sandwiches.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, under the direction of Dean and Janet Bailey, each day, after a Showboat performance took on the tedious task of cleaning up the amphitheatre, in preparation for that evening's show.

Needless to say, they did an immaculate job, and deserve a big "Thank you."

Once again the Showboat Corporation and Board of Directors wish to say thanks to one and all.

The 1976 show is now a thing of the past, however, the sun continues to rise and set and the moon still glows over the murky water of the Flat River, and we promise you that the Lowell Showboat will be back in 1977, bigger and better than ever.

Sportman's Fast-Pitch Softball (First Half)

W	L
Carpenters	6 2
Tri-State Carpeting	5 3
Harold Ziegler Ford	5 3
Lowell Moose	4 4
Saranac Brand Foods	4 3
Riverview	5 3
St. Mary's Miriam	3 5
Lowell Calvary Church	3 5
Lowell Engineering Corp.	0 7

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St. Mary's Miriam	2 4
Lowell Engineering Corp.	1 5

Sportman's Slow-Pitch Softball

Bristols All-Stars	8 1
Beachums Furniture	7 2
Attwood Super Stars	6 3
U. M. Youth "Bombers"	6 3
Wash King	6 3
R. L. Jaycees	4 5
U. M. "Ray's Rockets"	4 5
Alto Lions Club	2 7
Sortex Corporation	2 7
Lowell Moose	0 9

Women's Slow-Pitch Softball

Lowell High School Girls	8 2
Lowell Eng. Sandbaggers	6 3
Alto "L's" Angels	6 4
Attwood	5 4
U. M. "Adam's Ribs"	3 7
Riverview	1 9

Engaged To Wed
The engagement of Miss Marie VanLaan to Gary Lee VanTuijn has been announced.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. VanLaan of Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall of Alto, and the late Stanley VanTuijn are the parents of the bridegroom-to-be.

Boy 8 to 13 Years

Thornapple Valley Youth Football

New & Used Equipment Order Day

Aug. 14

10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

LOWELL AMERICAN LEGION HALL

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP AND THE PUBLIC

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Grattan Township Board of Appeals will be held on **AUGUST 10, 1976** in the Grattan Township Hall in Grattan at 8:30 p. m. at which time the following subject will be considered and at which meeting any interested person will be heard:

For the purpose of hearing a request of David R. Mooney, for the purpose of a residential dwelling. Property to be considered is described as:

Sec. 17, Town 04, Range 9W, 10661 Belding Road, Belding, Michigan.

Harriet Kramer, Sec. Board Of Appeals Grattan Township

Forslund's New Look

Carl Forslund's, Inc., the home of "Timeless Furniture" in Grand Rapids has relocated their business facilities to 250 Pearl Street, N.W., the first visible sign of the "new look" in the downtown area of Grand Rapids along the East Riverbank.

Renovation of the seven-story building on the east bank of the Grand River which includes Forslund's administrative offices, retail store and warehouse, is the result of a 15-year dream of the local furniture merchant.

More than 70 persons are employed by the retail and manufacturing division of the 41-year-old, family owned business. Their "Timeless" furniture is sold nationwide. They were formerly located at 122 East Fulton.

Principals of the business are: founder, Carl Forslund, chairman of the board; his sons, Carl Alto "L's" Angels, president and general manager of Brothers Forslund Manufacturing; Jon Forslund and Blake Forslund, president of Carl Forslund, Inc.

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9th And Around SARANAC
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David Clark earned a silver medal in the heavyweight division of the take-down tournament staged at the Spartan Wrestling Camp last week. The camp was conducted by MSU wrestling coach Grady Penning at Olivet College.

Ethel Goodell and Grace Taylor were Friday afternoon guests of Vada Courter.

Mrs. Dale Sprague was a Friday evening guest of Mable Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Benjamin and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin had Sunday dinner in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Marilyn Abshire and daughter, Abbey, have gone to Louisiana to visit her daughter, Mrs. Christine Stewart and also to return her daughters, Carolyn and Sally, who have been visiting there most of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benjamin entertained with a birthday dinner, Saturday evening. Mr.

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IONIA FAIR Opens Friday

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During the 10-day run, the fair presents nationally known entertainers, one of the nation's finest carnival midways, thousands of free exhibits and hundreds of special attractions. Most exhibits are housed in permanent buildings on the 130-acre grounds.

Organized in 1915 as a good will bridge to bring together urban and rural citizens in the area, the Ionia Free Fair grew out of a citizens meeting called by former Michigan Governor Fred W. Green, then Mayor of Ionia. The less than successful county fairs that had preceded the free fair had lacked quality entertainment to augment the agricultural displays. It was decided that the new fair would be an exhibition, an exposition, and a carnival all in one.

Today the Ionia Free Fair offers something for everyone. The fair is being held this year, August 6 through August 15.

Deavenport Receives A New Assignment

Airman Andy L. Deavenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan C. Deavenport Sr. of 8930 Potters Road, Saranac, has received a new assignment following graduation from the radio equipment repairman course conducted by the Air Training Command at Keeler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Airman Deavenport, trained to install, operate and maintain special radio equipment, will go to Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina for duty with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

The airman is a 1972 graduate of Saranac High School and attended Spring Arbor College. His wife, Vicki, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hepler of Leeburg, Pa.

SARANAC SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Pickney's	16 2
C & J Lounge	12 5
Fry & Fry	11 6
Downs Agency	9 9
Saranac Independents	9 9
Huvers Refrigeration	8 9
St. Anthony's	8 10
Saranac Teachers	8 10
Sara-Sara	6 10
Jones' Farm Market	0 17

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Letters to the Editor

An open letter to the over 100 Dear Friends, volunteer adults who helped with the 76 teams in the YMCA Summer Ball Program. I would like to personally thank you for helping in our summer ball program. Although

children are sometimes slow to thank you for the time and effort you gave, our youngsters will be forever grateful because you cared enough to take time out for them. You pointed out that one Board member said "you all want \$11,500 put back into the sports program." However, you failed to point out that she was corrected on this. The \$11,500 we want put back in also includes the following:

Field Trips - Spectator & Team Transportation, Free Use of Buildings and Facilities, High School Extracurricular (Newspaper, debate, plays, band, choir, and no curtailment of band performances in the Middle School or High School.

It was also not pointed out in your article that a new business manager was hired at the June 28th Board Meeting, whose salary exceeds the cost of the extracurricular, only to be followed by a "tighten our belts" policy at the July 12th meeting of a whole lot of a vast number of kids extracurricular activities.

In addition, a short time ago, Board members and Administration flew off to California only to return and make cuts in our children's activities affecting a vast number of children. The voters approved Bonding for a new Middle School including a fine facility for interscholastic

I realize the short time between the July 26th Board Meeting and the July 29th issue of the Ledger has made it difficult to get a complete and accurate story but we feel that the story should be a complete and accurate one as I'm sure you would and would appreciate this being done.

Dear Mr. Butterworth, because the job of publishing a weekly paper keeps our small staff more than busy, we have to rely on "stringers" for a good share of our reporting. Olive Coorsen who is a school employee has been writing our "Above the Board" column which, as you know, is our report on the school board meetings of the Lowell School District.

Up until the recent meeting which involved the school's proposed outside, I had not received any complete of one sided reporting. Your letter and a few discussions with other

people have convinced me that I had better start attending the school board meetings personally.

See you at the next meeting, and thanks for the letter.

Roger Brown, Editor and Publisher

Mrs. Richard Doezema and Mrs. George Linton visited Mrs. Kenneth Fox at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital and found her doing quite well after recent surgery; she has since returned home.

"It's an older school," Masten said, "there are no kitchens or physical education facilities, and the enrollment has dwindled over the past several years."

"The School Board's decision to close the school," Masten explained, "will result in a savings of about \$20,000 to \$25,000. Most of the students will be transferred to Collins."

A decision by the Board of Education will see the facility being used as a centralized library with the school district.

Fifth District Congressman Richard VanderVeen attended a pre-show party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spillane, 1530 Cumberland Drive, Lowell, Saturday evening July 31. The Congressman also attended the 1976 Lowell Showboat.

Mrs. Hattie Groves from California and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Foenner from North Carolina have been visiting friends and relatives in Cascade recently.

Joey Kusmierski, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Foster (Flora) Bishop of Cascade has been undergoing surgery and recuperation in Chicago and Milwaukee. He is having a pacemaker placed in his brain.

AUGUST 8: Charles Barger, Mrs. Walter Schroder, Doug Heintzleman.

AUGUST 9: Ed Kiel, Kevin Milder, John Free, Emmy VanderBill, Dawn Switzer.

AUGUST 10: Virginia Bieri, Diane Beimers, Connie Page.

AUGUST 11: Jon Sivas.

AUGUST 12: Richard Lyons, Ernest Bennett, Rachael LaChapelle, Bob DeWolf, Michelle Heintzleman, Vernon Seeley.

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Methodist Receives New Members



Received into the membership of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell recently was the Confirmation Class. First row, from left, Phillip Beasler, Mark Maris, Scott Laaby, Fredrick Beasler, Heidi Elzing, Julia Rowe.

Second row, Thomas Caldwell, Tod Bailey, Terri Meredith, Jeff Parsons, Ann Rivers. (Photo by Lonnie Louis Avery)

Barsone's Open House Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Elsie) Barsone will be the guests of honor at an open house Sunday.

The open house will be held in the recreation room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, from two to four o'clock in the afternoon.

All of the Barsone's friends, neighbors and relatives are cordially invited to attend. They have requested "no gifts, please."

Mr. and Mrs. Barsone, who were married in 1926, now reside at Schneider Manor in Apartment C-8.

GOLDEN SWINGERS TO HOLD PICNIC AUGUST 9

Lowell's Senior Citizens' Club, the Golden Swingers, will have a picnic at the Fallsburg Park Pavilion on Monday, August 9.

For the potluck supper, which will begin promptly at 6 p.m., bring a dish to pass, table service and a beverage.

On the evening's program will be the election of officers. Bingo will be played and members are to bring white elephants for prizes.

Busy Month For Post 8303, & Auxiliary

The month of July has been a busy one for the members of Flat River Post 8303 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its auxiliary.

The officers of the V.F.W. and some auxiliary members motored to Sault Ste. Marie for the State Convention for a weekend of important meetings and later some camping, making it a fun and profitable trip.

Several of the members visited the V.F.W. National Home at Eaton Rapids and attended the annual carnival which was very impressive, especially for those that had never been there before.

Showboat Week, July 26-31, was one of a lot of scheduled activities at the post located on East Main Street, next to Lowell City Hall, beginning Sunday, July 25, when the Post and Auxiliary entertained the Eighth District Planning Committee, serving cold plates to 120 members.

On Monday evening, nearly 200 were served hot dogs and the trimmings. The guests were from the Veterans' Facilities, YMCA Ball Leagues and the Children's National Home.

Tuesday evening, brought in 123 senior citizens for a lovely Swiss steak dinner and later they attended the 1976 Lowell Showboat.

Thirty-five senior citizens, the Lowell Showboat Board of Directors and the Kent County Council Department officers were served a lovely meal on Wednesday evening.

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Forest Hills' Class of '66 To Reunite

The graduating class of 1966 of Forest Hills High School will hold their tenth year reunion on Saturday, August 28.

A potluck picnic is planned at Fallsburg Park, north of Lowell.

Class members, parents of members residing locally and other interested people please call Triss Sherwood-Cutter 874-8085 of Candy Woodfield-Bigelow, 874-8191, for additional information or to make reservations.

Written reservations should be forwarded to: Triss Cutter, 9219 Ten Mile Road, N.E., Rockford, Michigan, 49341.

Daily vacation Bible School will be held at the Eastmont Baptist Church, 4038 Cascade Road, S.E., August 9 through August 13.

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K & R Low Bidders On Widening M-21

by: Dave Barnes

The first of four major highway projects in the Lowell area, costing nearly a total of \$5.75 million, will start Monday and the fourth in the fall, reports Charles K. Brooks, Grand Rapids district highway engineer for the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation.

1. Major repairs are scheduled to start Monday on the 35-foot-long, M-91 bridge over Wabasis Creek by R. J. Plockmeyer of Holland at a cost of \$49,103. The project is to be completed in 45 working days.

Bridge width will be reduced to one lane and traffic will be controlled at each end by a temporary traffic light. The span is about a mile north of the Ionia-Montcalm County line.

2. Kamminga & Roodvoets of Grand Rapids is the apparent low bidder at \$4,067,785 for the rebuilding and widening of M-21 between the East Beltline and Ada, a distance of 5.3 miles. All the bids have been referred

to the State Administrative Board for study. This is standard procedure for all such bids. The SAB will give its report in 10 days to two weeks.

This part of M-21 will be a four-lane, divided highway, with several bad hills and curves being eliminated. Construction is to start in the last part of August and is to be finished in the fall of 1978. Federal funds will pay for about 70 percent of the cost and the MDHT will fund the remainder.

3. Bids will be opened August 18 on resurfacing, major shoulder work and a passing lane on M-91 from near M-57 in Greenville south about four and a half miles to Ellis Road. A passing lane will be built at Ellis Road for northbound traffic, thus eliminating traffic congestion and increasing safety. Work is expected to start in the fall.

4. Bids will be let October 6 for the \$1,330,000 bridge over the Grand River and overflow at Saranac. The 450-foot-long span will replace two, 62-year-old bridges. The one over the river collapsed in 1969 and had to be repaired by Saranac.

The federal government will pay 75 percent of the cost, with the state paying 25 percent of the remaining 25 percent and Saranac paying the rest. On this basis and the estimated cost, Saranac would pay \$58,125.

VEEN OBSERVATORY OPEN TO VISITORS

The James C. Veen Observatory will be open to visitors from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, August 14 and Friday, August 27. On the agenda are inspection of equipment, tours of the building, periodic audio-visual presentations, and telescopic observations if the sky is clear.

Coloring Contest Winners

TV 8's children's coloring contest is over and the 100 winners have been notified. The contest, which ran from May 31 to June 25, was "an unqualified success" according to Phil Bandy, the Director of Audience Development.

Almost 2,000 entries were received from all over Western Michigan. From these drawings of kids' favorite TV 8 programs, the staff of WOTV selected 100 winners. Each winner received four passes to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio.

The programs drawn by the children ran the gamut from news, weather and sports to Gilligan's Island, Little House On the Prairie and Westwind. Because of the large number of entries, TV 8 has produced a mini-series inside the Bugs Bunny Show (4:00 p.m.) called TV 8's Kid Art Show. These entries include winning drawings and others from all age groups.

The enthusiasm generated by the contest is contagious — spreading to brothers and sisters, even parents and other relatives. As one mother wrote us: "Chris is so excited at the prospect of possibly winning such a nice vacation for his family. He has made several pictures . . . and he even chose his entry alone. We realize Chris' chances are low, as so many must enter, but we have all had fun getting ready!"

Winners in TV 8's contest from the Grand Valley Ledger area were: Jan Sanford, age 8 of 1510 Cumberland Drive, Lowell; Tami Sage, age 11 of 283 David Highway, Saranac; Kim and Chad Brunette, 12404-36th Street, Lowell.

Deborah J. White Weds Lawrence A. Marvin



Mrs. Lawrence Martin

Exchanging their marriage vows on Saturday, July 17, in the Griggs Street United Methodist Church of Grand Rapids were Miss Deborah June White and Lawrence Albert Marvin.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, sr., of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marvin of Lowell.

The bride entered the sanctuary attired in a gown and veil fashioned by her mother. The floor-length A-line gown of brocade was fashioned with a fitted bodice and tapered wrist-length sleeves. A capette of yellow rose buds secured her veil of illusion edged in lace.

Attired in a pink flower-print gown was the Matron of honor, Kimberley Alice White, jr., of Lowell, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids were Mrs. John Mason of Sand Lake, aunt of the bride, and Patricia J. White.

The flower girl was the bride's sister, Valerie Jo, and the rings were carried by Brian Mason, a cousin of the bride.

Attending his brother as best man was Robert White, jr. Seating the guests were John Mason and Roger Grabe.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church's all-purpose room.

Upon their return from a wedding trip into the upper peninsula of Michigan, the newlyweds are making their home in Grand Rapids.

With Coast Guard

Coast Guard Airman Aviation Structural Mechanic Homer J. Provonche, III, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Provonche, Jr. of 8791 Bailey Drive, Ada, has completed the Basic Aviation Structural Mechanic Course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tennessee.

During the 8-week course, Provonche learned to inspect, maintain and repair aircraft frames ("skeletons") and exterior ("skins").

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LINK can answer almost any question about community resources, from how to get alcoholism counseling to where to find consumer information or where to take tennis lessons. So next time you have a question, call LINK at 897-9596. It's the place to get answers.

Two Different Seasons



From rags to riches was the story of the Alto Blackbirds in the YMCA Cadet Softball League. In 1975 the Blackbirds went through their season without a single victory. In 1976 this same team went through their entire season without losing a game.

According to their coaches Dick Johnson, Wayne Ramsdell, and Bill Kirby, having a season of no wins followed by a season of no losses teaches the boys persistence and compassion. It is more fun to win, but knowing what it feels like to lose has taught the boys to feel compassion for the other team in times of victory.

According to Johnson, their games were well attended by dads, moms, and grandparents, who then got together with the team on Saturday, July 31, for a family picnic.

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